

Amendments to the Specification

At specification page 1/8, before the paragraph beginning with "[t]his is a nationalization of," insert the following heading:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

At specification page 1/8, before the paragraph beginning with "[t]he invention relates to," insert the following headings:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of Invention

At specification page 1/8, before the paragraph beginning with "[m]achines of such type," insert the following heading:

2. Description of the Prior Art

At specification page 2/8, replace the paragraph beginning with "[a] more accurate pre-register control" with the following replacement paragraph:

A more accurate pre-register control of the sleeve that could reduce the said disadvantages also forms the subject matter of ~~the patent application US~~ U.S. Patent No. 5,551,339. Said document illustrates a printing machine that is provided with sensor devices which observe the peripheral surface of the printing sleeves. Information carriers are located on the peripheral surface of the printing sleeves. The position of the information carriers

is recorded after the sleeves are inserted into the machine and before the start of the actual printing operation. After the angle position of the sleeve on the mandrel on which it is located is determined, the torque-proof connection between the mandrel and the sleeve is broken, the sleeve is grasped by a frame-fixed gripping devices and prevented from bringing about a rotation of the mandrel. Subsequently, the sleeve being stationary, the mandrel is rotated in such a manner that a relative target position between the sleeve and the mandrel sets in. ~~The patent application US~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,314,883 also describes a process of pre-register control in which an information carrier attached to the sleeve and a sensor are specified for recording the position of said sleeve.

At specification page 3/8, before the paragraph beginning with "[t]he objective of the present invention," insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

At specification page 3/8, replace the paragraph beginning with "[s]aid objective is achieved" with the following replacement paragraph:

Said objective is achieved by the characteristic features of ~~claims 1 and 6~~ the invention as described herein.

At specification page 6/8, before the paragraph beginning with "[i]n this context, for the purpose" insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

At specification page 6/8, before the paragraph beginning with "[f]igure 1 illustrates," insert the following heading and paragraph:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.

At specification page 6/8, replace the paragraph beginning with "[f]igure 1 illustrates" with the following replacement paragraph:

Figure 1 illustrates schematically the arrangement of an embodiment of a printing plate support 1 according to the present invention that has an information carrier 2. In this embodiment, the information carrier is an intentionally shaped magnetic tape 2

that is embedded into the printing plate support 1. However, linear magnetic tapes are usually preferred. The sensor 3 is attached at an appropriate place of the printing machine that is not illustrated here. ~~It~~ The sensor 3 is suitable for reading out the magnetic tape 2. The sensor 3 transmits an analog signal over the signal line 6 to the control device 7 of the printing machine which subjects the signal to an analog/digital transducer and takes into account the information contained when generating register correction signals for the drives of the printing machine.

At specification page 7/8, replace the paragraph beginning with "[f]igure 2 illustrates" with the following replacement paragraph:

Figure 2 illustrates a printing plate support 1 according to prior art that is provided with a recess 7 9. The printing plate support is designed as a sleeve that is drawn up on the print cylinder 5. When drawing up the printing sleeve on the print cylinder, the machine operator must ensure that the recess 7 9 accommodates the register pin 8 10 of the cylinder 5 that protrudes over the peripheral surface of the print cylinder in the radial direction. Only then can a satisfactory pre-register control be ensured according to prior art.

At specification page 7/8, after the last line, insert the following paragraph:

The invention being thus described, it will be apparent that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be recognized by one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.

At specification page 1/4 (i.e., the first claims page), replace the heading with the following replacement heading:

~~Patent Claims~~ WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: